

PSITTACUS PORPHYRURUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum aduncum : mandibula superiore mobili,
cera instructa.

Nares in rostri basi.

Lingua carnosa, obtusa, integra.

Pedes scanforii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 139.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

PSITTACUS brachyurus viridis, uropygio cy-
aneo, rectricibus (exceptis intermediis dua-
bus) purpureis.

Obs. Caudæ rectrices valde productæ; rectrices apice subquadratæ,
nigro fimbriatæ.

Latham. vol. 1. p. 315.

Formosam hanc aviculam, Cayanam in America
Australi incolentem, colores decorant præter solitum
vividi et splendentes. Præcipue distinguitur hæc spe-
cies rectricibus, seu caudæ pennis purpureis; exceptis
intermediis, quæ virent. Species sui generis fere ra-
rissima est, et (ut puto) nunc primum pictura in pub-
licum evulgata.

T H E
PURPLE-TAILED PARRAKEET.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill hooked. Upper mandible moveable.
Nostrils round, placed in the base of the bill.
Tongue fleshy, broad, blunt at the end.
Legs short. Toes formed for climbing, viz.
two backward and two forward.

Linnaeus and Pennant.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

SHORT-TAILED GREEN PARRAKEET,
with the rump blue, and the tail (except
the two middle feathers) purple.

Obs. The coverts of the tail are very long, and the tail-feathers are
squarish at the tips, and fringed with black.

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The colours of this most beautiful species, which is a native of Cayenne in South America, are of uncommon brilliancy. It is principally distinguished by the purple rectrices, or tail-feathers; except the two middle ones, which are green. It is one of the rarest birds of its genus, and we believe this to be the first figure of it yet published.



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